

(c) DNA segments that are species homologs of (a) or (b) and are at least 60% identical in nucleotide sequence to (a) or (b),

wherein said cell produces a hematopoietic protein encoded by said DNA segment.--

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly requested. Claims 18, 20, 23, 24, 28, 42 and 43 are now in the case. Claims 10-17, 19, 21, 22, 25-27, 33, and 37 have been canceled. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended, and new claims 42 and 43 have been added. With entry of these amendments, the pending claims are limited to certain preferred embodiments of Applicants' invention. No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants believe that the amended claims are patentable, and allowance of the claims is requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

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